

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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DISTRICT-WISE MOBILE SERVICE IN MP  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of districts in Madhya Pradesh where mobile service is available as on date;
- (b) the number of districts in the State where this service has not yet been launched; and
- (c) the time by which this service is likely to be provided in the remaining districts of the State during 2003-2004?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): The following companies are licensed to provide Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) in Madhya Pradesh Telecom Circle Service Area (which includes Chhattisgarh):

Sl.No. Name of Licensee

1. BTA Cellcom Ltd.
2. Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.
3. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
4. Bharti Cellular Ltd.

As per the information provided by these companies, 38 districts (one or more places in the district) have been covered with CMTS by at least one of the above companies and the remaining 7 districts are yet to be covered with CMTS in Madhya Pradesh State.

(c) As per the terms and conditions of the License Agreement for Cellular Mobile Telephone Services (CMTS) in Telecom Circles, an Operator is required to cover at least 10% of the District Headquarters (DHQs) in the service area, in the first year and 50% of the District Headquarters within three years of effective date of Licence. The licensee is also permitted to cover any other town in a District in lieu of the District Headquarter. The choice of District Headquarters/towns to be covered and further expansion beyond 50% District Headquarters/towns shall lie with the Licensee depending on their business decision. There is no mandatory requirement for coverage of 100 per cent of the service area. However, the Government Operator, namely Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has plans to provide CMTS in all the districts of Madhya Pradesh by October, 2003.